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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
NOBUHIRO YASUI, ET AL. )  
Application No.: 10/656,242 )  
Filed: September 8, 2003 )  
For: FUNCTION DEVICE AND METHOD )  
FOR MANUFACTURING THE )  
SAME, PERPENDICULAR )  
MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM, )  
MAGNETIC RECORDING/ )  
REPRODUCTION APPARATUS )  
AND INFORMATION )  
PROCESSING APPARATUS )

Examiner: Holly C. Rickman  
Group Art Unit: 1773  
July 30, 2004

Commissioner for Patents  
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RESPONSE TO WRITTEN RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

a) Introductory Comments

In response to the Official Action dated July 1, 2004 in the subject application, kindly consider the remarks which follow.